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**From:** Rachel Platas [rplatas@peoplepc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:45 PM  
**To:** Joseph, Trevor M.  
**Cc:** Kara Brodfuehrer  
**Subject:** Propostion 84 Implementation Grant Draft Funding recommendation

Dear Mr. Trevor Joseph,

On behalf of the Community of Jensen & Drummond(Fresno,CA), I write in support of funding our sewer connection project through the Propostion 84 Implementation Grant. The proposed grant of \$190,000.00 to be funded by the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Program for our first phase would greatly benefit our community's urgent and long awaited needs.

Funding for this project would eliminate ground water contamination as most of my neighbors' septic systems have failed or are close to failing. My own household could no longer afford to maintain a failing septic system that averaged \$300.00 a month to empty out. We had no recourse but to pump our waste water out on to our lawn. Our neighbors also have had to take such measures. Other problems we are enduring are leaks in our homes due to sewage backup. Problems such as these have caused some of my neighbors to seek this basic human need of clean water and proper sewage disposal in the homes of their extended families or friends.

As you may well know waste water attracts & breeds mosquitos. Of great concern to all of us is the Culex Mosquitos that have the potential to harbor & transmit the West Nile Virus. Birds that drink this water have been found dead in our yards. This, along with the problem of nitrates contaminating our ground water is a serious health & safety hazard that should be of great concern to all. Funding our project would protect the most vulnerable of our community, namely the elderly & children.

Eliminating this problem at its' source would also protect the greater community of the City of Fresno. There are new housing developments just across our community who share the same water as we do. Funding our project would stop the widespread contamination of our shared water resource & prevent a potential outbreak of the West Nile Virus.

Again, on behalf of our community of Jensen & Drummond, I greatly appreciate this opportunity to fund our project & eliminate all health & safety hazards connected with our failing septic systems. Providing this basic human need would be a great & necessary investment for our children & future generations of our community and the community at large.

Sincerely,

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